CLAIMS:

1. A method of matching a set of input fingerprint blocks, each fingerprint block representing at least a part of an information signal, with fingerprints stored in a database that identify respective information signals, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a first fingerprint block of said input set of fingerprint blocks;

finding at least one fingerprint block in said database that matches the selected fingerprint block;

selecting a further fingerprint block from said set of fingerprint blocks at a predetermined position relative to said first selected fingerprint block;

locating at least one corresponding fingerprint block in said database at the predetermined position relative to said found fingerprint block; and

determining if said located fingerprint block matches said selected further fingerprint block.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, the method further comprising iteratively repeating the steps of

selecting a further fingerprint block, locating a corresponding fingerprint block in said database and determining if said located fingerprint block matches said selected further fingerprint block for different predetermined positions relative to the first selected fingerprint block.

3. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined position is an adjacent position.

4. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a match in said finding step is deemed to have occurred if the number of differences between the fingerprint block is below a first threshold, and a match in said determining step is deemed to have occurred if the number of differences between the fingerprint blocks is below a second threshold.

5. A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said second threshold is different from said first threshold.

6. A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving an information signal;
dividing the information signal into sections; and
generating said input block by calculating a fingerprint block for each section.

7. A method of generating a logging report for an information signal comprising the steps of:
dividing the information signal into similar content segments;
generating an input fingerprint block for each segment; and
repeating the method steps as claimed in claim 1 so as to identify each of said blocks.

8. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said information signal comprises an audio signal, and wherein each segment corresponds to at least a portion of a song.

9. A computer program arranged to perform the method as claimed in claim 1.

10. A record carrier comprising a computer program as claimed in claim 9.

11. A method of making available for downloading a computer program as claimed in claim 9.

12. An apparatus arranged to match a set of input fingerprint blocks, each fingerprint block representing at least a part of an information signal, with fingerprints stored in a database that identify respective information signals, the apparatus comprising a processing unit arranged to:
select a first fingerprint block of said set of input fingerprint blocks;
find at least one fingerprint block in said database that matches the selected fingerprint block;

select a further fingerprint block from said set of input blocks at a predetermined position relative to said first selected fingerprint block;

locate at least one corresponding fingerprint block in said database at the predetermined position relative to said found fingerprint block; and

determine if said located fingerprint block matches said selected further fingerprint block.

13. An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a database arranged to store fingerprints identifying respective information signals and meta-data associated with each signal.

14. An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a receiver for receiving an information signal, and a fingerprint generator arranged to generate said set of input fingerprint blocks from said information signal.